question of holding any enquiry and fixing accountability and responsibility does not arise.

Evaluation of Employees' Strength

1282. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any criteria to determine the number of employees and officers required in each Ministry/ Department of Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Ministries/Departments who have completed evaluation of their required strength; and

(d) whether remaining Ministries/Departments have been directed to complete their evaluation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Government does not have any specific criteria to determine the number of employees and officers required in each Ministry/Department, as the nature and content of work in Ministries/Departments vary.

(c) and (d) The evaluation of the required strength of a Ministry/ Department is a continuous and ongoing process and all the Ministries/Departments undertake this exercise based on the need and requirement of the Ministry/Department.

Instructions for Promotion through Departmental Examination

1283. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1324 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has not followed the Order of DOPT; No. 22011/2-79-Estt. (D) dated the 8th February, 1982 in the case of promotion of Junior Engineers to Assistant Engineers through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination 1999;